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To Whom It May Concern:

I live in the small, translator fed, rural town of Shady Cove Oregon. Living in an area, which is fed solely by translators, has given me great respect as to the important role translators play in bringing local FM and TV service to rural Americans. As a rural American I would hate to see one of my small communities heavily relied on FM translators Displaced, off the air in wait of a filing window to resubmit and then have its application buried by an enormous amount of applications (similar to what was seen in the last FM translator filing window). This could possibly deprive my small community of a very valuable resource for great length of time. I was very pleased to see the commission take great effort to ensure that the TV translators, I and countless other Americans have grown to rely on, were protected under the television displacement relief outlined in Section 73.3572(4)(1) of the rules. I personally feel it would be a massive oversight and a large set back in the Commissions gallant effort to insure coverage of rural America by not offering similar protection to FM translators. Please make every effort to move forward with the well-outlined Petition for Rule making regarding FM translator relief the NTA has submitted to protect FM service to small communities such as mine.

Sincerely,

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